

# Plans forming for September ASNWO meeting

The 1981 convention of the Alaska Statewide Native Women's Organization has been set to be held in Anchorage from Sept. 3 through 5.

Several members of the group's board of directors met in Anchorage early last week to discuss plans for the convention. Those members included ASNWO president Brenda Itta of Barrow, vice-president Lillian McGarvey, representing the Aleut Region; Beatrice Hallcutt, an alternate representing the Cook Inlet Region; and Sandra Borbridge, an at-large delegate. Mrs. McGarvey is chairman of the convention.

The organization's meeting had been postponed until April. Miss Itta explained that

it was again postponed to September because so many of the organization's members will be involved in subsistence activities in April.

The convention will include workshops on health of Alaska Natives, education of Alaska Natives, history, culture, and arts of Alaska Natives, working with the media for more effective communications, and a general session on the land claims bill and its effects.

A banquet also will be held on Saturday night at which time several special recognition awards will be given, said Miss Itta. Special recognition will be given to one woman from each region who has given special service to the state. These women will be

nominated by the region's representative on the ANSWO board.

Two more special recognition awards will be given to outstanding Native women who have contributed to their Native community while maintaining their identity as an Alaska Native and as a woman.

The banquet also will possibly have a fund-raising auction, non-competitive displays of arts and crafts, and fashions, and "much singing," said Miss Itta.

She said that the convention sessions will open and close and be interspersed daily with songs from the delegates' regions.

The convention also will put forth resolutions resulting from

the various workshops.

Women interested in attending the convention should begin thinking about fund-raising activities, said Itta, who added that no pre-registration deadline has been scheduled.

The convention committee is accepting bids from Anchorage hotels and motels on a site for the convention. The site and more registration information will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact Mrs. McGarvey at 4230 Tahoe Drive, Anchorage, 99502. Her telephone number is 243-1078.

Miss Itta also announced that there are three openings on the board of directors from the Ahtna, Chugach and

Bristol Bay Region. Women interested in becoming a director representing those regions should contact Miss Itta in Barrow at the Barrow City Hall. The number is 852-5211.

Directors from the other regions include Agnes Griffith, the group's secretary, representing Doyon Limited; Rachael Craig, representing the NANA Region; Mary Jane Peterson, representing the Cook Inlet Region; Chris Bywater, representing the Bering Straits Region; Emma Widmark, who also is Grand Camp President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, representing the Sealaska Region; Grace Smith, representing the Calista Region; and Fran Shugak, representing the Koniag Region.